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The Humble

ADDRESS

OF THE

Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London* in Common Council Assembled.

At a Common Council held the 13th day of March, 1682. *Upon a Petition presented by the Inhabitants in and about* Smithfield, *taking notice that his Majesty (upon Application from the Court of Aldermen in behalf of this City) had been pleased to order a stop to an intended Patent for a Market near* Albemarle-House, *which (if it had passed) would greatly have redounded to the Cities prejudice; And upon Consideration had of his Majesties Grace and Favour therein vouchsafed to this his City, a Committee was appointed immediately to withdraw and prepare an Address to be presented to his Majesty from that Court, who were* Sir William Turner, *Sir* James Edwards, *Sir* John Moore, *Aldermen; Sir* Benjamin Newland, *Deputy* Aylesworth, *Deputy* Hawes, *Deputy* Langham, *Mr.* Charleton, *Mr.* Vernon, *Commoners, with Mr.* Common Serjeant, *who withdrawing and having prepared an Address, accordingly brought in the same to the Common Council; which being there read was unanimously approved of, and ordered to be forthwith presented to his Majesty at* Newmarket *by the same Committee who had prepared it: The Tenor whereof is as followeth;*

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Sacred Majesty,

WE the *Mayor*, *Aldermen*, and *Commons* of Your City of *LONDON* in Common Council Assembled, being highly sensible of the Happiness

We

We enjoy under Your MAJESTY's moſt Wiſe, Benign, and Merciful Government, and of the many Priviledges and Immunities by Your ROYAL Self and Progenitors granted to this Your Imperial *Chamber*, Moſt humbly Proſtrating Our ſelves at Your Feet, Return Our unfeigned Thanks and Acknowledgments, Begging Your Sacred MAJESTY to believe, That as none of Our Fellow Subjects have received Larger Bounties from the Crown, ſo none ſhall be more ready to ſacrifice their Lives and Fortunes in the Service thereof, in the Defence of Your Sacred Perſon (whom God long Preſerve) Your Lawful Heirs and Succeſſors, and the Government as now by Law Eſtabliſhed in Church and State, than We Your Obedient and Dutiful Subjects of Your Loyal City of *London*: And as We have lately Received an Expreſſion of Your ROYAL Grace and Favour to Us, in Your MAJESTY's being pleaſed to Order a Stop to be put (until farther Hearing) to a Patent for the Grant of a Fair and Weekly-Market for Live Cattel in *Conduit-Mead*, which would be greatly Prejudicial to the Inhabitants in and about *Smithfield*, Your Hoſpital of St. *Bartholomews*, and Your City of *LONDON* in General; ſo we could do no leſs than humbly Returning Our Thanks, Implore Your Continuance of Your ROYAL Grace and Favour. And

Your Petitioners ſhall ever Pray, &c.

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